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BIRTHS.

On the 23rd April, at Ewo, Shanghai, the wife of DAVID LANDALE, of a daughter. [1207]
On the 23rd April, at Hongkong, J. PESTONJEE (JERUNGHEE PESTONJEE KHARAS), aged 72 years, Bombay and Japan papers please copy. [1263]

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG OFFICE: 14, DEWY ROAD CL,
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HONGKONG, 24th April, 1903.

A VERY satisfactory feature of the speech delivered by His EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR yesterday at the meeting convened to consider the desirability of raising a Fund in the Colony for the relief of the distress occasioned by the famine in Kwangsi was the announcement, that the Tung Wah Hospital authorities had already sent sums amounting to about \$4,000 to the afflicted districts to be expended in relieving the destitute. His EXCELLENCY has been at great pains to ascertain that the distress in the province is of a very exceptional character, and has upon the information he has received dispatched with commendable promptitude Mr. CLEMENTI as an almoner as well as an independent investigator in the interests of the Fund to which the community are invited to subscribe. The reports coming from missionaries clearly establish the fact that in certain districts of the province at least the suffering is terribly acute, and the urgent need of outside help incontestable. The tales of misery and was recorded in the course of our report of yesterday's meeting, by way of illustrating the general condition in the agricultural districts, cannot fail to evoke the compassion and practical sympathy of the reader with the afflicted people on whose behalf the appeal is made, and that there will be a ready and general response to the appeal we have no doubt. Especially will this be the case when it is seen that the Chinese who live in more favoured surroundings are doing something to help their afflicted brethren in the famine-stricken

districts. When people have to resort to the expedient of selling their children in order to save themselves, and to ensure food for their offspring, it shows how dire is the need, and the fact that many are dying of sheer starvation in a country where food ordinarily is so cheap constitutes an appeal which is strong enough to need no backing for the help which above all things must be prompt. An influential committee was appointed at yesterday's meeting for the purpose of ascertaining (1) the extent of the famine, (2) the collection of the necessary relief funds; and (3) the mode of their distribution. His EXCELLENCY, it will be observed, has made enquiries from many sources in the province because he was anxious, as he put it, not to make any move in the matter until he had satisfied himself that there really was such a state of want and famine as would justify him in coming before the people of Hongkong and asking them to subscribe towards its alleviation.

Thirteen cases of plague reported yesterday brings the total for the year to 320.

We notice that a Grand Patriotic Festival had been arranged to be held at the Town Hall Shanghai yesterday (St. George's Day). The function was to be in the nature of a Promenade Concert.

At Singapore last week a serious affray occurred on the steamer *Charterhouse* between Malay and Chinese passengers, one China being badly injured and thrown down the hold the man died from his injuries and three Malays are under arrest.

The death is announced Prince Albert Kukulimoku-Kukulimoku of Hawaii. He was the last descendant of Kamehameha the Great and would some day have been King of Hawaii, had the Kamehameha dynasty lived. The cause of death was consumption.

A Berlin telegram to the *Ostasiatische Lloyd* states that applications to the amount of 13,700,000,000 marks have been made for the new three per cent. German consols amounting to 200 Millions at the rate of 9. Only two per cent of the subscription can, consequently, be accepted.

In the "Spice Cash and Advice" Column of *M.A.P.*, a correspondent "Dollar," gets this bit of counsel as a reply to some query of his: "I think well of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank." (As the Singapore Free Press remarks, The Directors will breathe again at this, and the "Hunky-Shanky" will gaily enter upon a new lease of financial life and activity).

The following gentlemen have been elected to serve on the Committee of the Shanghai General Chamber of Commerce:—Messrs. H. M. Davis, C. Broderick, G. Chapell, W. Droumiller, C. J. Dudgeon, J. S. Pearson, R. Inglis, H. R. Kinross, A. Korff, W. D. Little, A. M. Marshall, and A. Wright. Mr. Drummond Hay, who has been Secretary of the Chamber for 13 years, is shortly going home, and Mr. Leslie Cabitt has been appointed in his place.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Netherdale Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals:—

Toi Shing Paper Manuf. Co., Ltd.	\$25
Dorabjee Newgrove	25
China Export Import & Bank Co.	20
Gossman & Co.	20
Kaupp & Co.	20
Sidney Hancock	20
Bismark & Co.	15
Hon. W. Chatman	10

By permission of Major Radcliff and Officers, the band of the 33rd Burma Infantry will play the following programme at the King Edward Hotel to-night during dinner:—

March	"Mazurka"	"Atherley"
Overture	"Lodolka"	Cherubini
Selection	"Little Christopher"	Ivan Caryll
Waltz	"Columbus"	
Selection	"Follette"	Fahrbach
Selection	"A Greek Slave"	Sidney Jones
Selection	"Salut d'Amour"	Elgar
Waltz	"The Queen's Own"	Coots

It is announced that M. H. Charpentier, this distinguished engineer who returned to France some months ago from a mining mission in French Indo-China and the eastern extremity of the Chinese Empire, has been charged with a similar undertaking in Russian Turkestan, near the western frontier in China between Amou-Daria and the Plateau of Pamir. The Russian Government is stated to be desirous of substituting the coal existing in that region for the petroleum brought at great expense from the Caucasus for the service of the Trans-Caspian Railway.

The Newchwang correspondent of the *N.C.O. Daily News* writing on the 19th inst. says:—The Russian evacuation which should have occurred on the 8th inst., has apparently been indefinitely postponed, for reasons which have not yet transpired; the Russian flag still waves upon the Customs flagstaff, the revenue goes to swell the credit of the Administration account, the regular drilling of recruits on the open market place, in front of the barracks, is continued every evening, and there is absolutely no indication of any change in existing conditions. It will be easily understood what a paralyzing effect this violation of the Convention exercises on the trade of the port and province. Everything is at a standstill, native merchants being naturally unwilling to enter into contracts which they may be prevented from fulfilling. The only reply forthcoming from the local Russian authorities is to the effect that they are without instructions.

Mr. A. E. Almy has been elected President of the Shanghai Recreation Club in succession to Mr. Brodie A. Clark, who has resigned.

An advertisement in to-day's issue announces a variety concert to be held to-morrow evening in the hall of the Catholic Union Glebe.

By Imperial decree Tsen Chen-henan (Acting Viceroy of Szechuen) has been appointed Viceroy of Kwangsi and Kwangsi, and is commanded to proceed to his new post at once without proceeding to Peking for instructions.

An Express issued by the E. E. A. & C. Telegraph Co. announces that owing to the interruption of one of the Singapore cables, telegrams exchanged by the Southern route with Singapore and beyond are delayed. The repair is expected about the 27th inst.

The President, by executive order a Washington despatch says, has turned the Midway Islands over to the Navy Department. This was done at the instance of the Pacific Cable Company, which has asked for the protection of its property on the islands. Roving Japanese sailors are in the habit of putting in at the islands for the plume of sea fowl and for guano. It is probable that the Navy will establish a small station on the islands and American war ships will make a practice of touching there much more frequently than they have done in the past. The islands are two in number, Sand Island, having 633 acres, and Eastern Island, 245 acres. There is a harbour, affording about eighteen feet of water. The islands are deemed essential to the operation of the Pacific cable, which will touch there on its western route from Hawaii.

A San Francisco paper referring to the fact that two Commissioners are on their way to California from the Transvaal to study the methods of employing Chinese in vogue there, with the view of introducing the same kind of labor into the Randmines say: If they take cognizance of public sentiment in California on the question of employing Chinese in any branch of industry, they will not be favorably impressed with the proposition of introducing such a disturbing and demoralizing element into the population of South Africa. However, these Commissioners will find that the Chinese is a very uncertain quantity as an underground worker, for, whatever may be under his feet, he wants the sky to be in evidence overhead. Under-ground, the Chinese are easily panic-stricken, and no mine can be intelligently worked with a paucity crew.

POLO.

There will be a Polo match, Hongkong v. Kowloon, to-morrow and by kind permission of Lt. Col. Candy and Officers the band of the 14th Bombay Infantry will play. The teams will be:—

Hongkong	Kowloon
Mr. C. H. Ross	Capt. MacGeorge
Capt. Koller	Capt. Call on
Mr. J. Johnston	Capt. Whitehead
Mr. F. H. Lyon, R.N.	Mr. Thornhill, R.A.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory issued yesterday the following report:—

The barometer has risen rapidly over E. Japan, fallen moderately over China. It high pressure area over the N. part of the Sea of Japan, and the depression over Central China seems to be moving Eastwards. Gradients are slight to moderate for E. E. and S. winds along the China coast and over the N. part of the China Sea. Forecast:—Fresh S. winds; seafly, then, dews.

SHANGHAI & CHINA'S CURRENCY.

The following resolution proposed by Mr. F. Anderson, and seconded by Mr. E. C. Little, was carried unanimously at the annual meeting of the Chamber of Commerce at Shanghai last Friday:—

"Having in view the fact that silver is subject to violent fluctuations and that China's financial obligations, national and commercial, are now mainly, and in future will probably be entirely, with gold using countries, this Chamber is of opinion that the Treaty Powers should urge the Chinese Government to take the necessary steps without delay to provide for a uniform national coinage, as a first step towards establishing the currency of this country on a gold basis as early a date as practicable."

ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

The Final Cruise, followed by a Ladies' Race, will take place to-morrow.

For cruise, start off Murray Pier at 2.30 p.m., and sail across the harbour into Haungshui Bay, keeping as nearly as possible in line with the Commodore in the *Dione*.

The Ladies' Race will be started at 3.15 p.m. Course across a line between a lanch (from which the starting signals will be made) and the Cust. Rocks Buoy, round Channel Rocks (port) Kowloon Rock (port) across starting line. Handicap:—

<i>Dione</i>	allow
<i>Vernon</i>	
<i>Atannah</i>	1 ft. 30 in.
<i>Donito</i>	
<i>Colleen</i>	
<i>Erica</i>	2 ft. 15 in.
<i>Kathleen</i>	
<i>Mim</i>	
<i>Iris</i>	3 ft.
<i>Doreen</i>	
<i>Maid Marian</i>	3 ft. 30 in.
<i>Chantilly</i>	
<i>Fayre</i>	5 ft.

Yachts must be started throughout the race by ladies only, except that in the event of imminent danger a man may take the tiller, but must relinquish it again as soon as the danger is over. Three prizes.

TELEGRAMS.

REUTER'S SERVICE.

THE ALBANIAN INSURRECTION.

LONDON, 21st April.

After the Austro-Russian representation on Friday, the Sultan telegraphed for twenty more battalions of Redifs from Asia Minor.

THE KING'S TOUR.

LONDON, 21st April.

The King witnessed a great water carnival at Malta. His Majesty sails this morning escorted out to sea by fourteen ships.

The King has arrived at Syracuse.

"ROMANISING" THE ANGLICAN CHURCH.

LONDON, 21st April.

The Chaplain General of the Forces has resigned the Presidency of the Army Guild as a protest against the forms proposed to be used at the service at St. Paul's commemorating the dead in the war. This action is the result of an outcry against what is characterised as a fresh attempt to Romanize the Church of England.

[This refers to a service which the Army Guild has been granted permission to hold in St. Paul's Cathedral on May 6th. The Record refers to the service in the following terms:—A notable service has, we believe, been arranged to be held at St. Paul's Cathedral on May 6th. By permission of the Dean, the Army Guild will have a celebration of Holy Communion for the repose of the souls of soldiers who died in the South African war. The principal feature will be the ancient Roman Prayer for the Dead, 'Rest and peace eternal. Lord, in mercy give to them; let light perpetual lighten them,' which will be sung twice during the service. Such a service has not been held in the cathedral since the Reformation." Ed. D.P.]

ITALY.

LONDON, 21st April.

Signor Prinetti, the Foreign Minister, has resigned.

THE NEAR EAST.

LONDON, 21st April.

A band of 500 Bulgarians have crossed the frontier and after fighting all day were eventually driven off by the Turks, losing thirty killed.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE TRIAD SOCIETY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

Hongkong, 23rd April.

SIR.—The much abused and, to Foreigners, mysterious "Triad" Society is not an unlawful Society as is so generally preached and believed in this Colony and elsewhere. It is in reality a Patriotic Organisation or "League of Patriots" founded in the beginning of the usurping Manchu "Ching" Dynasty by retired high "Ming" officials, scholars and monks, for the restoration of the "Ming" Dynasty. Since its foundation to the present day, over 200 years, the movement has progressed and flourished most amazingly, its adherents now consisting of officials and people of all classes from the common coolie to the man of means. The organisation has branches in the Eighteen Provinces of the Empire working under different Lodge names and the members now number millions. They are only waiting for the leader who will come forward and unite them. The organisation is not inimical to the Hongkong Government and, therefore, is not unlawful as erroneously reported and believed. In fact, its members claim and exact the protection which is granted to all political refugees throughout the civilised world and particularly in England. Should not the Hongkong Government act likewise?

In justice to the patriots of China this most unreasonable, injurious and obnoxious *Old Law* should therefore be abolished. This Law condemning the organisation was promulgated during the progress of the Taiping Rebellion and was due to the urgent representations of the then tottering Manchu Government at Peking. The Hongkong Government of to-day is not that of the Wild Forties. I therefore hope that this explanation will help to remove the stigma which has been clinging for so many years to this great and formidable organisation which has only for its object Reform and the freedom and independence of the Chinese from their Manchu yoke. Is it unlawful for the people of a nation to fight for their freedom and independence? We appeal to the noble and chivalrous peoples of the West to act as our judges. Can they blame the Chinese for struggling to free themselves from the tyrannical misgovernment of the barbarous Manchus? Surely we deserve the friendly sympathy and support of the patriots of the West. We have already appealed to the different Governments to recognise us as a legitimate political organisation and pray that our appeal will not be in vain. The day will come when the true history of this great organisation will be made known to the world.—Yours, etc., PATRIOTISM.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The T.E.K. steamer *Amoria* Maru, with mails, left Shanghai for this port on the 22nd inst. at 4 a.m.
The C.P.R. steamer *Empress of China* arrived at Vancouver on the 21st inst. at 11.30 p.m.
The T.E.K. steamer *Bohila* Maru left Manila on the 22nd inst. p.m. and is expected here to-day at 6 p.m.
The Boston Tow Boat Co.'s steamer *Lynx* arrived at Victoria (B.C.) on the 20th inst.

HONGKONG SANITARY BOARD.

A meeting of the Sanitary Board was held yesterday afternoon in the Board Room. Hon. Dr. J. M. Atkinson, Principal Civil Medical Officer (President), presided, and there were also present Hon. W. Chatham, Director of Public Works (Vice-President); Mr. O. McI. Messer, Acting Registrar-General; Captain F. W. Lyons, Acting Captain Superintendent of Police; Mr. Fung Wa Chun, Mr. Lau Chu Pak; Colonel W. E. Webb, R.A.M.C.; Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C.; Mr. A. Ramjahn, Mr. G. A. Woodcock (Secretary) and Dr. V. W. Pearse (Acting Medical Officer of Health).

APPOINTMENTS.

The President pursuant to notice moved "That the Board, under the provisions of Section 30 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, deputise Senior Inspectors M. Grace, A. Carter, P. T. Lambie, J. A. Lyons and T. P. Conolly to institute summary proceedings before a Magistrate against any person contravening any of the By-laws duly made under Section 16 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, when instructed in writing by the Acting Medical Officer of Health." Also "That the Board under the provisions of Section 256 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, deputise Senior Inspectors M. Grace, A. Carter, P. T. Lambie, J. A. Lyons and T. P. Conolly to institute summary proceedings before a Magistrate for the recovery of any penalty imposed by Part II of the said Ordinance or any By-law made thereunder when instructed in writing by the Acting Medical Officer of Health." The object of this, he said, was that the senior inspectors should be responsible for the lawbreaking in their own districts. Hitherto it had been necessary to employ two different sets of inspectors for this work. The senior inspectors took action first and then eventually it was left to the prosecuting inspector to take further action before the Magistrate. These resolutions would simplify matters much more and conduce to the better carrying out of the lawmaking operations.

The Vice-President seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

THE NEW BUILDINGS BILL.

The next item was Mr. Ramjahn's motion, "That the Board recommend the Government to amend the definition of the word 'Room' as given in Sub-section 61 of Section 6 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, by adding the following words thereto: 'Office, accountant's room, or any other apartment not used as a sleeping place'; and that no action be taken by the Board for the removal of any room not used as such sleeping place." The D.P.W. maintained, "I do not consider the amendment necessary. The definition of a room is bound up with that of a domestic building, which excludes places where people do not pass the night."

Mr. RAMJAHN in proposing the resolution contended that rooms such as dining-rooms, accountants' rooms, which are used in Chinese shops and houses, and also used as offices which did not open into the external air and were not used as sleeping places, must be removed. There was a block of buildings down below them [Barnesfield Arcade] the back rooms of which were used as offices. These buildings had a yard or open space less than 13 feet, which did not comply with the definition of external air. If this definition was not amended these rooms must be removed. He contended that the definition of a room was not bound up with the definition of a domestic building. Under sub-section 22 of section 6, buildings such as Prince's Buildings, Queen's Buildings, and the blocks of buildings in the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, the Hongkong Hotel and the blocks of buildings between Wyndham Street and Duddell Street came within the definition of domestic buildings, because they were adapted to be used for domestic buildings although they were used as offices, and more than two caretakers passed all night there. Of course it was not desired that Government should be asked to amend the Ordinance at once; an opportunity might be found when other amendments came up.

Mr. LAU CHU PAU seconded.

The President proposed as an amendment that the Board do not take action with regard to these offices and accountants' rooms, other offices that Mr. Ramjahn referred to. It was not advisable, he thought, to make an amendment of the Ordinance at this early stage. If they recollected, the Board passed some Memoranda on 15th March, 1900, in connection with the enforcement of the Sanitary Properties Ordinance, providing that it should not be necessary for the Board to take action in regard to existing "ping-pong shops," which were practically accountable rooms. He moved that in the cases mentioned by Mr. Ramjahn they take no action.

Mr. FUNG WA CHUN seconded. As long as the Board did not take any action in such cases he saw no objection.

Mr. RAMJAHN pointed out that the Sanitary Properties Ordinance was repealed by the new Ordinance and consequently any By-law made under the former would have no effect.

The President: That is not a By-law. Mr. FUNG WA CHUN: It is a concession. Mr. RAMJAHN: Simply a concession. Mr. POLLOCK thought it was somewhat irregular for the Board to say they would not take action under any circumstances in any case which fell under the notice of the Board.

Mr. RAMJAHN said it was only intended to take action with regard to offices and accountants' rooms.

Mr. POLLOCK thought they should not pass a resolution binding themselves not to take action in any such cases if they had power to take action by law.

Mr. FUNG WA CHUN: But we can move a motion.

On the motion of the President, the Board went into committee to consider the Memoranda referred to.

On returning, Mr. RAMJAHN withdrew his motion on the understanding that no action be taken in the cases mentioned under the Medical Officer of Health thought it necessary.

PROSECUTIONS.

The President moved: (1) That the Board, under the provisions of Section 30 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, deputise Dr. Barnett to institute summary proceedings before a Magistrate against any person contravening any of the By-laws duly made under Section 16 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903; (2) That the Board, under the provisions of Section 256 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, deputise Dr. Barnett to institute summary proceedings before a Magistrate for the recovery of any penalty imposed by Part II of the said Ordinance or any By-law made thereunder. The motion, he said, was made necessary on account of the fact that in the Colony of Dr. Barnett, Assistant Medical Officer of Health, who had come in connection with the plague scheme.

The Vice-President seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

MOQUITO BREEDING-PLACES.

Mr. H. E. POLLOCK, K.C., moved: "That, with a view to diminish the breeding grounds for moquitoes, it is desirable that the lower portions of the street gullies be filled up with cement concrete, and that the Government be requested to take prompt measures for carrying out such work." Mr. Pollock, continuing, said he thought it probable that members had read the letter in the *Daily Press* from Mr. R. K. Leight, who was formerly a member of the Board, on the subject. The street gullies referred to were really a sort of basin or receptacle underneath the street gratings at the corners of the streets, and their object, so far as there was any object at all, was to prevent sand or silt being washed into the storm-water drains. But it was quite clear that these receptacles held a considerable quantity of water—on measured near the Central Market at Mr. Leight's request was found to hold some fourteen gallons of stagnant water—and it followed that such a receptacle would be an excellent place for the breeding of moquitoes. So far as he could see, said Mr. Pollock, these receptacles holding this dirty water did not serve a sufficiently useful purpose to justify their continuance, and should be filled up with cement concrete in such a manner as to give the water a clear fall into the drains.

Mr. LAU CHU PAU seconded the motion and suggested that if the gullies could not be filled in with cement concrete some other device should be adopted to remedy the evil complained of.

The Vice-President said that before the Board committed itself to the motion he should like to mention that the question of reconstructing all the street gullies was at present under consideration. It had been decided to adopt a new form of gully which would do away with the stagnant water to which Mr. Pollock had referred, although not entirely. It would be in the recollection of some of the members of the Board that some time ago a motion was passed requesting the Government to insert traps in all these street gratings, so that the foul air should not be able to pass from the sewers or drains to the open air, and the new form of gully provided for a trap of that description. The water they contained, however, would be less than that held by the present gullies. It would be obvious, if the present gullies were to be entirely abolished, that it was useless to expend a very considerable sum of money—probably not less than a couple of thousand dollars—in filling in these receptacles. The construction of the gullies had been proceeding for some time, and therefore he would suggest that the motion be withdrawn. Otherwise, concluded the Vice-President, he would have been very pleased to support it.

The President mentioned that the Senior Inspectors had been instructed to put Jeyes' Fluid into the water in the gullies, which would effectively kill any larvae in the water.

Mr. FUNG WA CHUN: Why not flush them every day?

The President: Because it has been found that a small quantity of Jeyes' Fluid is sufficient to kill the larvae in the water.

Mr. POLLOCK: I should like to ask, sir, where it is these new traps are being laid—in what district?

The Vice-President: There have been several laid, sir, in the neighbourhood of Queen's Road Central and Comber Road. The work will shortly be proceeded with vigorously, I hope.

Mr. POLLOCK: I would also like to know, sir, when the work is likely to be finished?

The Vice-President: I should say it will take about eight months or two years.

Mr. POLLOCK: Surely what I suggest could be done in a much shorter time than that. Eighteen months will take it into the next two summers, and it is not desirable that this work should wait so long.

The Vice-President: It must, of course, take some time to even what Mr. Pollock suggests, because the staff available for supervising such work is very limited and work of that nature must be supervised or else it might be done in such a way that the material used would be destroyed and the whole work rendered practically useless.

The President: I understand that \$22,000 have been allocated in the Estimates this year for this work.

The Vice-President: Yes. The motion was put to the meeting and lost, four voting for it and three against.

LICENSE TO SELL PORK.

An application was made by Chung Hing, 71, To Kwa Wan, for a license to sell pork at that address.

The President in moving that the application be granted stated that such applications were now granted by the Board. The premises were now inspected by the Veterinary Surgeon, who recommended the granting of the license.

Mr. Fung Wa Chun seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

LIVEWASHING.

The livewashing refuse showed that during the fortnight ended 4th inst. 1,110 houses in the Central district had been treated.

BATH RETURN.

A report was submitted showing that during the weeks ended 18th and 20th inst. 3,870 and 3,392 rats were destroyed. Of these 336 were found to be infected.

THE SHAU KWAN PAINTWORKS.

Further correspondence was laid on the table with reference to paintworks at Shaukwai, in connection with which sanitary objections had been put forward on the ground that the living quarters might be rendered dangerous to health by their contiguity to the white-lead store or works.

The Acting M.O.H. intimated that these were white-lead works, the process employed being a modification of the Dutch process. Danger arose in this process of plumbism from the absorption of fine white-lead dust by the workmen. To reduce this to a minimum the stacked sheets of lead covered with the white carbonate should be moistened before the stock is taken down, and the white carbonate scraped off the sheets while thoroughly moist. After the white-lead is washed it should not be dried before packing so completely as to render it dusty. The quarters above the store at the works were used now for storing cases in which lead had been packed. This should be stopped at once. In fact it would be advisable not to allow these quarters to be used for domestic purposes.

The P.C.M.O. intimated that the room to be used for quarters should not be used for storing cases containing, or which had contained, white-lead. If this were complied with, he thought a certificate of occupation might be granted.

The President moved that a certificate of occupation be granted on the conditions mentioned in the above paragraph.

Colonel Wynn seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

A HEALTHY VILLAGE.

Correspondence was laid on the table relative to the old Tai Hang Village.

With reference to the scheme of improvements proposed by Dr. Clark, His Excellency the Governor had asked for the health returns of the village for the past two years.

The Acting M.O.H. reported under date last, that only one case of infectious disease (small-pox) had occurred in the Tai Hang village during 1901, 1902 and 1903.

His Excellency wrote that this did not seem at all a pressing matter. He wished that one could make the other portions of Hongkong as healthy as Tai Hang Village.

The P.C.M.O. intimated that he understood that the improvement scheme was initiated by the M.O.H. to improve the general sanitary condition of the village—not because of any special outbreak of disease.

PROVISION OF BACKYARDS.

There was submitted a further letter from Messrs. Humphreys & Co. in connection with certain houses in Bulkeley and Market Streets, Hung Hom, for which exemption was asked from the provisions of the new Building Bill with reference to backyards.

Messrs. Humphreys submitted as a further plea for exemption that (1) the houses were built in accordance with the building regulations in existence at the time of their construction and were duly passed by the Board and the P.W.D.; (2) to comply with the notices by providing window-spaces in the rear of the main building it would be necessary to do away with half the existing kitchen-spaces and thus infringe the Ordinance relating thereto; and (3) exemption had been granted in other cases where a Government lease provided the open space required under the Ordinance.

The Acting M.O.H. intimated that he was not prepared to reconsider his former recommendation in this matter. From a sanitary point of view he had nothing to do with the case or difficulty with which required open space could be provided, nor with the expense the owners were put to. With regard to the statement that by complying with one section of the Ordinance—namely, that requiring yards to be provided—another section would be infringed—namely, that requiring each kitchen to be 50 square feet—he might say that it was possible to open out half the present kitchen and reconstruct the house so as to enlarge what would then be left of the original kitchen to an area of 50 square feet without encroaching on the yard provided under Section 175. The reason why he was not prepared to treat these houses in the same way as many others which he had recommended for exemption in Hung Hom was that in the case of these other houses yards already existed, while the houses referred in the petition had no yards at all. The other houses were of two stories while these were of three stories. The Government lease between the two rows of houses concerned was therefore bounded on two sides by three-storied houses without any yards at all. As the case was only a ten-foot one he was not prepared to recommend exemption.

In reference to the original correspondence in this matter, Mr. Rumjahn and Mr. Lan Chu Pak both expressed the opinion, in the form of a minute, that the Board in summoning the owners for not complying with the Ordinance had acted irregularly.

The President called on the Acting Medical Officer of Health to make a statement in the matter.

Dr. PRABHU said it appeared that the original letter requiring these houses to be provided with backyards was sent out on 21st January. Two months elapsed before the owners took any notice of that letter. No exemption was asked for and no work had been done. At the end of these two months it was represented to him by the Inspector at Hung Hom that no notice was being taken of the letter and he gave instructions to prosecute. That was on 24th March. After instructions for prosecution had been given a letter was sent in by the owners asking for exemption. It was too late in coming to prevent the summons going on. In fact the first time his attention was called to the letter was at the Police Court, where it was represented by the legal adviser of the owners as being an extraordinary thing that the Board had summoned the owners on the very day they had sent in the letter. Of course that was not so, as the summons was taken out on his instructions to prosecute, given on the 24th. However he consented to an adjournment *sine die*, but as he said in his report he did not feel himself in a position to recommend that this exemption should be granted for the reasons stated therein.

The President said it would be noted that the notice referred to by Mr. Rumjahn was a letter sent to Messrs. Humphreys by the Board. There was no obligation on the Board to issue this letter, therefore it was quite regular for the Board to take proceedings under the new Bill. Nearly two months elapsed between the sending of the original letter and the taking out of the summons. With reference to open spaces, there could be no doubt that backyards were open spaces; but all open spaces were not backyards. If that were so, Queen's Road, being an open space, would be a backyard. The Acting Medical Officer of Health could not recommend these houses for exemption and he thought the Board would do well to follow his advice. He therefore moved that the application be refused, and that Messrs. Humphreys be informed that the work must be put in hand at once.

The Vice-President seconded. He might mention that there had been a great outcry about the great amount of overcrowding that went on and about people building over all their available land and so procuring an insanitary state of affairs. The Board had now obtained powers that enabled them to somewhat modify that state of affairs, and it would be a very mistaken policy, in his opinion, if they did not enforce those powers wherever there was any ground for supposing that they would lead to improvement. In this particular case the amount of open space in the rear seemed to be very small in relation to the depth of the buildings, and if they passed over this case they must be prepared to deal similarly with almost an unlimited number of similar cases.

Mr. RUMJAHN proceeded to quote from Ordinance 18 of 1901, section 55, sub-section A, to prove that backyards were open spaces, and that open spaces had already been provided to the houses.

Capt. LYONS—That Ordinance has been repealed, hasn't it?

Mr. RUMJAHN—Yes.

Capt. LYONS—Then what is the good of reading from an obsolete Ordinance? It is a waste of time, I think.

Mr. RUMJAHN proceeded to show where other houses similarly placed had been exempted from complying with the Ordinance. A particular case was that of L.L. 1591, situated at the corner of Wing Lok Street and Des Voeux Road.

The Vice-President—The case we are dealing with is this particular case in Hung Hom, and I don't think we should consider other cases in other parts of the Colony.

Mr. RUMJAHN was continuing on the same lines of argument when

The President said—Really it does no good, as the Director of Public Works has said, discussing properties other than the one we are dealing with.

After further remarks Mr. RUMJAHN proposed that the summons against the Humphreys Estate Company be withdrawn.

The President—You have already proposed as an amendment that the application be granted.

Mr. RUMJAHN—Yes, and also that the summons be withdrawn.

The President—One at a time, please.

In answer to Mr. Fung Wa Chun, Dr. PRABHU said that no such houses as these under discussion had been granted exemption from complying with the provisions of the Ordinance.

The President for granting the application was lost, the mover and seconder, being the only members in favour of it. They voted against the President's motion, which was carried by a majority.

DRAINAGE CONTRACTS.

There was laid on the table a minute by the Sanitary Surveyor (Mr. J. J. Bryan) recommending that certain Chinese contractors be approved by the Board to carry out drainage works under Section 191 of Ordinance No. 1 of 1903.

On the motion of the President, seconded by the Vice-President, the contracts were approved.

THE DEATH RATE.

It was reported that the death-rate for the week ended 23rd inst. was 25.7 per 1,000 of the population per annum, as compared with 36.1 in the previous week and 26.4 in the corresponding week of last year.

PLAQUE BY-LAWS.

The standing orders having been suspended, the President moved that cullying districts where plague had occurred be defined so as to enable the necessary steps to be taken for dealing with the disease.

The Vice-President seconded, and the motion was adopted.

This was all the public business.

THE FAMINE IN KWANGSI PROVINCE.

LOCAL RELIEF MEASURES.

A meeting, at which H.E. the Governor presided, was held in the Council Chamber at half-past twelve o'clock yesterday to consider means to relieve as far as possible the state of famine at present existing in several parts of the province of Kwangsi. The attendance was good, and included the Hon. F. H. May, C.M.G., Hon. Sir H. S. Berkeley, H.N. Sir C. P. Chater, C.M.G., Hon. Gershom Stewart, Hon. R. Shawan, Hon. Dr. Ho Kai, C.M.G., Hon. Dr. Atkinson, Hon. R. Murray Rumsey, Hon. Wei A. Yau, Ven. Archdeacon W. Banister, the Reverend T. W. Pearce, C. H. Hickling, Messrs. H. and Southern, Lieut. Col. Candy, 14th Birmans, Messrs. Ho Fook, Fung Wa Chun, Tang Lou Hop, Yia, Wai Chi, Ng Pak-to, Siu Un Fai, Lam Tann Tak, Li Shiu Wai, Chan Kan Ming, Chin Sik Yin, and Li Chuk Yu. Lady Blak and Mrs. F. H. May were also present.

Addressing the meeting, His Excellency said—Ladies and gentlemen, I have asked you to meet me here to-day for the purpose of laying before you some facts brought to my notice with reference to the famine existing in portions of the province of Kwangsi. On the 17th inst. there was submitted to me a letter written to the Bishop of Victoria by Mr. Byde, of Wuchow, in which he declared that in certain districts of the province of Kwangsi famine existed, that the people had no food, that their rice crops had failed for two years, that they were dying of hunger, and that they were selling women and children into slavery to save their lives. I made some enquiries from Mr. Fox, the Consul at Wuchow, who was in Hongkong on that day, and I heard from him a confirmation of the statement made by Mr. Byde. I then communicated with Bishop Piazoli, who was kind enough to make enquiries among his missionaries in Nanning. One of our gentlemen wrote to him, and here are some extracts from his letter:—

"Father Paulat, of the district of Koin Yon, wrote to me in October, 1902: 'Rice is already selling at more than eight pence; the 100 Chinese litres. The famine is horrible for our poor peasants, already so tried and impoverished by the rebellion. Those who are more daring go out to pillage in order to live and our Christians are pillaged like the rest.' In November he wrote to me, 'I almost envy your lot. At any rate you have not, like me, the pain of being present without being able to prevent the slow agony of so many poor people who are dying of hunger. I am daily besieged and implored by numbers of unfortunates who, having nothing to eat either at home or abroad, come to entreat me to help them and to give them something to eat to prevent their dying. Even after having had a little rice and somewhat regained strength they refuse to go away telling me they cannot endure seeing their families struggling with hunger.' Then he goes on to make several statements with reference to the absence of rice and the presence of famine, and from the statements of various missionaries brings the situation down to the present time.

Well, gentlemen, I even went further, because I was anxious not to make any move in this matter until I had satisfied myself that there really was much a state of famine existing in Kwangsi as would justify me in coming before the people of Hongkong and asking them to subscribe for its alleviation. Mr. Ho Fook was kind enough to make enquiries through some houses in Kwangsi, and he writes as follows:—

"I have sent to the Wing Chun Yuen, Fook On Cheung and Kwan Mow Kwang, which do a considerable business with Kwangsi, and learn that the famine in that province is very bad. The rice crops for the last two years have failed, owing to drought and instead of exporting rice as in former years the people have had to import it and the price they are paying is about twice as much as they should pay for the same thing in Hongkong. In addition to the short crops they have been plundered by rebels and then by soldiers who are sent up to suppress the rebellion. They are selling their children in order to save both themselves and their children from starvation. The Tung Wa Hospital has received two sums of \$1,000 each."

Well, I found on enquiry that the Tung Wa Hospital had been approached in this matter, because that really was the barometer that would show me whether the Chinese were in such distress that they felt compelled to ask for assistance in Hongkong, and I noticed that, with its usual charity, the Tung Wa Hospital sent \$1,000 on 27th March, another \$1,000 on 6th April, and I believe \$2,000 are being sent by the Tung Wa Hospital to-day. (Applause.) Now, gentlemen, that seems to me to be a considerable amount of confirmation of what has been said with reference to the famine, but I went still further, for I thought it was well we should have somebody connected with ourselves who would write and tell us what he observed in Kwangsi. So two days ago I requested Mr. Clementi to proceed to Kwangsi and to report direct to me what he observed, the extent of the famine, and his advice as to the best method of distributing any funds that might be collected, and as in a case of this kind we cannot wait for public meetings, I authorized him to expend at once \$1,000, if necessary, for any immediate necessities that came under his observation. I have not heard from Mr. Clementi yet, but I shall probably hear from him today or tomorrow. I gave him absolute authority and left it to his own discretion to visit whatever part of the province he thought well. I have asked the Consul to place him in communication with the Chinese authorities, and I have no doubt they will offer him any assistance that may be necessary in the prosecution of his

investigation. I may tell you that Messrs. Butterfield & Swire have kindly undertaken to take him up to Fochow and back, and the Chinese Telegraphs have undertaken that all messages on famine business shall be sent free. I might add that Mr. Clementi himself has declined to accept any payment of expenses incurred in connection with his mission. (Applause.) I have here a letter which I think I had better read to you. It is from Mr. Ho Tong, whose presence I was anxious to have here to-day. He writes from Macao on the 22nd inst.:—

"Your favour of even date reached me this evening. Owing to absence from Hongkong I regret my inability to attend the meeting at the Council Chamber to-morrow. I shall, however, be most happy to associate myself with the charitable work which your Excellency is so kindly going to initiate, and to request you to put my name down in the subscription list for the sum of \$1,000." (Applause.)

Now, gentlemen, the Rev. Mr. Hess, who has come down, I think, from Kwaiping, is present, and I shall ask him to be kind enough to tell us what has come under his own observation in this matter.

Thus invited, the Rev. Mr. Hess, of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, detailed what he personally knew of the famine, laying before the meeting facts that have already been published, and all of which went to show how grievous is the state of the people in the afflicted districts.

His Excellency said there were three things that remained to be settled:—(1) the extent of the famine, (2) the collection of relief funds, and (3) the distribution of those funds. For the carrying-out of these items he proposed the following committee:—Colonial Secretary, the Registrar General, Sir Paul Chater, Messrs. Dickson, Gershom Stewart, R. Shawan, J. R. M. Smith, D. R. Law, N. A. Seiba, S. Jellim, A. J. Raymond, H. N. Medy, C. Micholau, Dr. Ho Kai, Wei Yau, Fung Wa Chun, Ho Tung, Chau Shin Kee and Ho Fook. Hon. Dr. Ho Kai proposed that the gentlemen whose names had been read out be elected as a committee, and that the name of His Excellency as President be added.

Hon. WEI A. YAU seconded.

Archdeacon BANISTER said that, with regard to what Mr. Hess had said, he himself had just returned from Wuchow, and from enquiries he made up there was fully persuaded that the statements that had been made were true in every particular.

His Excellency said that as there were no dissentients he would take it that the Committee had been elected as proposed. He had great pleasure in accepting the position of President of the Committee, and would give any assistance he possibly could in the carrying-out of whatever might be necessary.

This closed the proceedings before the meeting, which dispersed after receiving His Excellency's thanks.

The Committee met immediately afterwards and decided to send a telegram to Mr. Clementi at Wuchow appointing him the representative of the Committee and giving him full discretion regarding the distribution of assistance.

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SUPREME COURT.

Thursday, 23rd April.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

BEFORE HIS HONOUR SIR HENRY S. BERKELEY (ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE).

A COMPOSITION.

Mr. E. J. Grist, of Messrs. Wilkinson & Grist, solicitors, appeared in support of an application by O. M. Madar for approval of a composition scheme. This was an application, he said, on behalf of the Official Receiver and the debtor for approval of a composition passed by the debtor for approval of a composition passed by the creditors, to be sanctioned by the Court. The debtor proposed to pay \$40 a month to the Official Receiver, which would allow of a composition of about 50 per cent.

His Lordship approved the composition.

AN IRREGULARITY.

Ng Sheng and Ng Kam Tong, trading as the Shing Kee firm, made an application for adjudication in bankruptcy.

Mr. Grist, who appeared in support of the application, said it was made under Section 19 of Ordinance No. 39 of 1891.

His Lordship—It is a debtor's petition, and now you apply for adjudication?

Mr. Grist said it was an application in the usual form, and that the Official Receiver had appointed trustee in the bankruptcy. There was an affidavit filed by Mr. d'Almeida, the solicitor in the case, for whom he appeared, in which it was stated that on 13th March the creditors resolved to adjudicate the debtors bankrupt and to nominate the Official Receiver trustee.

His Lordship—A public examination has not been held in this matter?

Mr. Grist—No.

His Lordship remarked that he thought a public examination ought to be held before the application was made. He understood that had not always been the case, and there were cases in which the Court might make an order for adjudication without a public examination; but it would be seen at once that there ought to be a public examination before adjudication.

After the debtor had filed his statement of affairs he should be publicly examined in open Court in order to test the statement of affairs. It did not follow, necessarily, that a man who was bankrupt on the face of his statement of affairs was shown to be bankrupt after being publicly examined.

Mr. Grist—That is perfectly true, but I believe that it is only very recently in practice here that this has ever come before the Court—the question, I mean, as to the time in which a man should be adjudicated bankrupt.

His Lordship—I will tell you the (time) when he appears to the Court to be bankrupt, when he appears to the Court to be bankrupt, when he appears to the Court to be bankrupt.

Mr. Grist—Yes, my Lord; but the inconvenience of waiting until after the statement of affairs has been lodged and until after the examination has been held is very great for many reasons, particularly in Hongkong. The Official Receiver can simply take possession of the property and can do nothing further. He

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cannot attempt in any way to get in the estate. He cannot sell anything or do anything whatever; and until the estate is placed in the possession of a trustee it is almost impossible for the statement of affairs to be verified in any way or for the Official Receiver to conduct a public examination.

His Lordship—There are powers in the Ordinance by which the trustee may be permitted to appear on the public examination, but *prima facie* the duty of conducting the public examination is on the Official Receiver *qua* Official Receiver.

Mr. Grist—Perfectly true, but the difficulty is very great of getting a statement of affairs in Hongkong. The Official Receiver takes possession of the property of the debtor. His Lordship—It is not possible for a man to be bankrupt until he is insolvent, and I cannot be satisfied of that until he is publicly examined, unless, as I said, under special circumstances.

Addressing Mr. Bruce Shepherd, the Official Receiver.

His Lordship asked—When can you hold a public examination, Mr. Shepherd, and why have you not held it before?

The Official Receiver—It has been impossible to hold it before. There has not been any statement of affairs filed.

His Lordship—It is quite impossible for me to hold a public examination and declare a man bankrupt before he has lodged a statement of affairs. After reading the section of the Ordinance quoted by Mr. Grist, His Lordship continued—The whole Ordinance contemplates that adjudication shall be made after the conclusion of the examination of the debtor.

Mr. Grist—With the greatest deference, I do not read it so myself. The property cannot in any way be realised.

His Lordship—The moment the receiving order is given the Official Receiver and the creditors are got in, should hold a meeting of creditors at the earliest possible moment, a statement of affairs should be called for, and with the assistance if necessary of the Official Receiver, should be made up and filed as soon as possible; and as soon as possible thereafter a public examination should take place. I must have a statement of affairs before I can adjudicate a man bankrupt. There being no statement of affairs and no public examination, having been held, I cannot grant this application for adjudication. Adjourned.

The Official Receiver—I do not know that anything can be done in this case.

His Lordship—Kindly make a report to the effect, Mr. Shepherd, I make this note:—"There being no statement of affairs and no public examination having yet taken place, I hold that I cannot make an order for adjudication in the estate. Adjourned *sine die*." I would suggest for the future that before making an application to me for adjudication in bankruptcy you will see that there is a statement of affairs and that a public examination has been held.

The Official Receiver—That would do, your Lordship, in the case of a debtor's petition; but in the case of a creditor's petition that would be another matter.

His Lordship—I require them both.

Mr. Grist—Supposing that there is a creditor's petition, the usual grounds of a creditor's petition are no doubt that the debtor has absconded.

His Lordship—The usual ground is that he owes so much money and does not pay it.

Mr. Grist—But it is quite possible that there cannot be a statement of affairs, and there should be a public examination.

His Lordship—There cannot be a public examination if he has absconded.

Mr. Grist—Now a statement of affairs. His Lordship—But it is not the case here. However we need not discuss that. There may be exceptional circumstances in which adjudication should be made, but that is not the case here. Next case.

AN ABSCONDING DEBTOR.

In re the Wong On firm *ex parte* the debtors, Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton, of Messrs. Monney & Brutton, solicitors, appeared in support of an application for adjudication in bankruptcy.

Mr. Brutton said the circumstances were very much the same as had been stated in the last case, but he was in hopes that His Lordship would hold that here the circumstances were exceptional. The debtor had absconded. He had tried his utmost to get hold of him but it was absolutely impossible to do so.

His Lordship—You mean the man who is the debtor has absconded?

Mr. Brutton—He has gone away.

His Lordship—Then I dismiss the petition.

Mr. Brutton pointed out that such a proceeding would be hard on the creditors. If the petition was granted they had a chance of getting something; if it was dismissed they would get nothing. In this case even although His Lordship did not order the bankrupt to be appointed trustee, the Receiver would be now in possession of the property; it was there in his hands and yet he could do nothing with it. The bankrupt was not here and there could be no public examination. He would ask therefore that his Lordship make an order for the sale of the property for the benefit of the creditors, or let this case be an exception and adjudicate the debtor bankrupt.

His Lordship—Where does it appear that he has absconded?

Mr. Brutton—It does not appear in any affidavit.

His Lordship—Then how do I know?

Mr. Brutton—I have tried to get the man and he is not to be found. Your Lordship will appreciate the difficulty we have with these debtors. They have simply to go on board a steamer and get away.

His Lordship—But there is no evidence that he has absconded. There is no affidavit. I will adjourn this case, and you must come before me in strict accordance with the lines I have laid down.

Mr. Brutton—It is an entirely new practice here.

His Lordship—It is known now that I must have it. How can I know that a man is bankrupt without a statement of affairs. If he files a statement stating his bankruptcy and declares out I am not to know that that statement is correct.

His Lordship—That is an act of bankruptcy and he is liable under the Bankruptcy Laws and is a bankrupt to all intents and purposes.

His Lordship—He is committing an act of bankruptcy on which he may be made bankrupt. The Court must be shown that he is insolvent. You cannot make a man bankrupt if he is possessed of wealth sufficient to pay all his debts.

Mr. Grist—It is frequently done at home. His Lordship—Show me an authority.

Mr. Grist—I cannot do so right at the moment.

His Lordship—I will adjourn this case and when it is next called perhaps you will be prepared with an authority.

Mr. Brutton—Will your Lordship make an order for sale of the property. A resolution was passed by the creditors that the property then in the hands of the Official Receiver should be sold.

His Lordship—If the creditors desire that, I shall do it if I can, but I am not clear that I can until I have made him bankrupt. You cannot sell a man's property until he is bankrupt. You must prepare the way. Show me on the statement of affairs and after a public examination that the man is insolvent or put before me such a statement of affairs as will justify the adjudication. You say the man has absconded. There is no evidence as to that. I will adjourn this case. If you cannot get the debtor by reason of his running away a statement should be got by the Official Receiver. He has access to the papers and must make up the statement. The Act gives the Official Receiver power to compel the debtor to give him every assistance; when the debtor goes away he must do it himself.

The Official Receiver—I have employed two experienced Chinese accountants in the shop itself, and they cannot even make out a proper statement of affairs from the books.

His Lordship—Until I get a proper statement of affairs I cannot give this adjudication. I must have a statement of affairs. I quite appreciate Mr. Bruce Shepherd's position and sympathise with him, but that does not make my duty any easier.

The case was adjourned *sine die*.

GONE AWAY.

In the matter of Wong Fat Hing *ex parte* Wong Hoi Shan, petitioning creditor, Mr. F. C. Barlow of Messrs. Deacon & Hastings, solicitors, appeared in support of the petition for a receiving order on the estate of the debtor, who had gone away from the Colony.

The affidavits being duly in order, His Lordship granted the application and appointed Mr. Bruce Shepherd Official Receiver on the estate.

RECEIVING ORDER.

Mr. Brutton appeared in support of a debtor's petition for a receiving order on the estate of Wong Chun Yau.

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Mr. KNOSP will be assisted by several Ladies and Gentlemen.
Pianoforte, by Broadwood & Son, from Messrs. Lane, Crawford & Co.
Tickets on Sale by the Comptroller at the City Hall.
Hongkong, 21st April, 1903. [1231]

PUBLIC COMPANIES

HALL & HOLTZ, LIMITED.

THE ELEVENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the COMPANY'S PREMISES, Nanking Road, on SATURDAY, the 25th APRIL, at 11 o'clock A.M., when the Report and Accounts for the year ended 28th February, 1903, will be presented. The TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 26th to 28th APRIL, 1903, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Directors,
E. R. PALMER,
Secretary.
Shanghai, 9th April, 1903. [1225]

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE TWENTIETH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, No. 14, Des Voeux Road, Victoria, on WEDNESDAY, the 29th APRIL, at 10 o'clock, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1902.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 26th APRIL, to WEDNESDAY, the 29th APRIL, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 15th April, 1903. [1173]

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

AN INTERIM BONUS OF TWENTY PER CENT. upon Contributions for the year 1902 has been declared.

Warrants will be issued on the 1st May.

By Order of the Board,
W. J. SAUNDERS,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 17th April, 1903. [1196]

THE PUNJOM MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company, held at the Company's Office, No. 13, Beaconfield Arcade, Victoria, Hongkong, on Wednesday, the 8th day of April, 1903, the following Resolution was passed—

That the full CALL of FIFTY CENTS per SHARE upon all the Holders of Ordinary Shares in the above Company in respect of all the Shares held by them in the above Company be and the same is hereby made. Such Call to be paid to the Company at their Bankers, the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, at their Premises, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on or before the 9th day of May, 1903.

And NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that in accordance with Article 24 of the Company's Articles of Association, interest will be charged as from the said 9th day of May, 1903, at the rate of 10 per centum per annum, upon all Calls remaining unpaid after the said 9th day of May, 1903, up to the actual dates of payment of the same.

Shareholders are particularly requested to note that after presentation at the Office of the Company of the Bankers' Receipt for payment of the Call, together with the Certificate of the Shares, in respect of which the Call has been paid, an endorsement to that effect will be made upon the Certificate.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
W. KERFOOT HUGHES,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 9th April, 1903. [1190]

LOST.

FOX TERRIER PUP answers to the name of "Scottie" Reward

RITCHIE,
Doddwell & Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, 23rd April, 1903. [1259]

BROWN, JONES & CO.,

MONUMENTAL AND ORNAMENTAL MASONS.

Have on View and for Sale at their Marble Yard,
ITALIAN MARBLE

Statuary Figures, Angels alongside Crosses, Obelisks, Columns, Rustic and Plain Crosses and Headstones; also

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Crosses, Columns and Headstones; and

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All work and material guaranteed to be the best and most durable.

Prices to suit the times.

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Orders from outports carefully and promptly executed.

Office:—No. 17A, Queen's Road Central, 1st Floor, Marble Yard—No. 18, Morrison Hill Road, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 9th January, 1903. [3463]

FOR SALE.

A NEW COTTAGE PIANOFORTE.

Iron Frame. Solid Oak Case. Special Tropical Construction. Seven Octaves. By H. Hobbs & Co., London. Price \$375. Can be seen any time after 5 p.m. on board.

Apply to—
S.S. "QUEEN ELEANOR."
Hongkong, 23rd April, 1903. [1251]

NOTICES OF FIRMS

CHINA COMMERCIAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

司公限有船輪華中

THE OFFICES of the above Company have been OPENED at No. 85, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, 2ND FLOOR.

Hongkong, 21st March, 1903. 2

NOTICE.

MR. FEIZULLABHOY ESSABHOY EBRAHIM will leave this Colony shortly, and the business will be carried on by Mr. ESSOOPALLY SOLEMANJEE, who is authorised to Sign our Firm in Hongkong from this date.

ABDULLAH EBRAHIM & CO.
Hongkong, 18th April, 1903. [1203]

NOTICE.

WE have resigned the AGENCY of the ATLAS ASSURANCE COMPANY, LTD. from this date.

Claims will be settled and policies endorsed by us until further notice.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.
Hongkong, 1st April, 1903. [1211]

NOTICE.

WE have been appointed AGENTS for the ORIENT INSURANCE COMPANY for Hongkong and the South of China from this date.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.
Hongkong, 1st April, 1903. [1212]

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

DURING my temporary absence from the Colony Mr. A. B. ROUSE will act as SECRETARY of the Society.

By Order of the Board,
W. J. SAUNDERS,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 21st April, 1903. [1238]

NOTICE.

MR. ALFRED CUNNINGHAM'S connection with the "Hongkong Daily Press" as Manager and Publisher CEASED from this date.

Mr. BERTRAM AUGUSTUS HALE has been appointed MANAGER of the "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS," and will Sign as such from this date.

D. WARLES SMITH,
by his Attorney,
R. CHARTWELL WILCOX.
Hongkong, 21st April, 1903. [1240]

SANTA CASA DA MISERICORDIA OF MACAO.

NOTICE.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED for public information that on the 29th instant, at three o'clock p.m., before the Board of the SANTA CASA DA MISERICORDIA OF MACAO, the adjudication will be proceeded with, by Public Tender, under sealed covers, of the LEASE of the BOA VISTA HOTEL-SANATORIUM for the period of Five Years and Two Months, commencing from the 1st May proximo to the end of June, 1908.

The conditions of Tender are as follows:—

1. Persons desirous of tendering should deposit Five Hundred Dollars before the commencement of the proceedings as a guarantee of the bona-fides of the tenderer, the deposits being forthwith returned to unsuccessful bidders at the conclusion of the proceedings.

2. Tenders should be delivered under sealed covers to the Board following the opening of proceedings together with the deposit receipt.

3. Any one not having made the deposit will not be permitted to bid neither will their tenders be accepted.

4. The guarantee that the successful tenderer should have to give for the fulfilment of his contract, immediately after the adjudication is made, will be one year's rental in money, or by Deposit Note for a like amount of any Bank payable to the Order of the Santa Casa, personal bond being unacceptable.

5. The upset price for the lease is Three Thousand Six Hundred Dollars per annum, that is, the equivalent of Three Hundred Dollars per month.

The clauses of the Agreement for Lease may be seen at the Office of the Santa Casa where they can be examined by intending tenderers.

ALBINO ANTONIO PACHECO,
Proctor.

Board Room of the Santa Casa da Misericordia, Macao, 18th April, 1903. [1232]

MITSE BISHI DOCKYARD

AND ENGINE WORKS,

NAGASAKI.

CODE WORD: "DOCK" NAGASAKI.

A.I. A.B.C., Scott's and Engineering Code Used.

DOCK No. 1 (at TATEGAMI).

Extreme Length... 523 feet.

Length on Blocks... 513 "

Width of Entrance on Top... 89 "

Width of Entrance on Bottom... 77 "

Water on Blocks at Spring Tide... 284 "

DOCK No. 2 (at MUKAJIMA).

Extreme Length... 371 feet.

Length on Blocks... 359 "

Width of Entrance on Top... 63 "

Width of Entrance on Bottom... 53 "

Water on Blocks at Spring Tide... 22 "

PATENT SLIP (at KOSUGI).

Can take vessels up to 1,000 tons gross.

THE WORKS are well equipped with the LATEST IMPROVEMENTS and can execute any kind of work in SHIPBUILDING and MARINE ENGINEERING as well as in REPAIRING OF SHIPS.

The COMPANY has a SALVAGE STEAMER, 712 TONS GROSS, FITTED WITH POWERFUL SALVAGE PLANT READY AT SHORT NOTICE.

R. BURNETT PERE & FILS, REIMS

Established 1719.

CHAMPAGNE GROWERS AND SHIPWRECKERS.

Ship only the Finest Quality Extra Dry (Green Seal).

LAURE WEGENER & CO.,
Sole Agents.
Hongkong, 12th May, 1903. [124]

INSURANCES

THE WESTERN ASSURANCE COMPANY OF TORONTO, CANADA.

INCORPORATED 1851.

Cash Security... \$325,719

Total Losses Paid... \$3,763,240

THE Undersigned having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

WM. MEYERINK & CO.
Hongkong, 22nd July, 1902. [142]

NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG

The Undersigned AGENTS of the above Company are PREPARED to ACCEPT First Class Foreign and Chinese Risks at Current Rates.

SIEMSEN & CO.
Hongkong, 29th May 1895 [27]

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

TOTAL FUNDS at 31st DECEMBER, 1901, £15,723,693.

I. AUTHORIZED CAPITAL... £3,000,000 0 0

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL... 2,750,000 0 0

PAID-UP CAPITAL... 887,500 0 0

II. FIRE FUNDS... 2,895,648 5 2

The Undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 1st July, 1902. [179]

AACHEN AND MUNICH FIRE INSURANCE CO.

OF AIX-LE-CHAPPELL.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

REUTER, BROCKELMANN & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 21st April, 1897. [113]

GENERAL MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED, OF DRESDEN.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT FOREIGN and CHINESE RISKS.

HOTZ, JACOB & CO.
Hongkong, 1st September, 1902. [2327]

NORTHERN ASSURANCE CO.

ESTABLISHED 1838.

THE Undersigned Agents of above Company are prepared to accept First-class Foreign and Chinese RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

Hongkong, 14th January, 1903. [246]

PHENIX FIRE OFFICE

The Undersigned are now prepared to GRANT POLICIES of INSURANCE against FIRE at Current Rates.

DOUGLAS LARRAIK & CO.,
Agents for the Phoenix Fire Office.
Hongkong, 17th August, 1897. [123]

SALAMANDER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

HCTZ, JACOB & CO.
Hongkong, 2nd April, 1900. [2]

SUN INSURANCE OFFICE, LONDON

FOUNDED 1710.

The Undersigned having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

SIEMSEN & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 16th May, 1892. [26]

O. C. DINNIE.

IT is proposed to hold an O. C. DINNER at the HONGKONG HOTEL on SATURDAY, the 2nd MAY, 1903, at 8 p.m. Will all Old Chatterboxes, Carthusians, and Chiffonians desirous of attending kindly send their names and addresses to—

T. C. GRAY,
Hon. Sec., Chatterbox Society,
Hongkong Club.
Hongkong, 22nd April, 1903. [1239]

M. CHADWICK KEW

DENTAL SURGEON.

No. 39, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

Office Hours—9 A.M. to 5 P.M.

Hongkong, 14th March, 1903. [3839]

TO CONNOISSEURS.

FOR SALE.

A SMALL Collection of the Choicest Old CHINE

AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED, TO-MORROW (SATURDAY), the 25th April, 1903, at 11 A.M., at their SALES ROOMS, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street, A Choice Collection of GOLD AND DIAMOND JEWELLERY, Comprising:— GOLD STUDS AND CHAINS, LADIES' ALBERTS, PEARL STUDS, DIAMOND RINGS, JADESTONE CHARMS, GOLD WATCHES, UNSET DIAMONDS, &c., &c. (The above are guaranteed to be all Genuine English Articles)

TERMS:—As usual.
HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, 22nd April, 1903. [1242]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED, TO-MORROW (SATURDAY), the 25th April, 1903, at 2.30 P.M., at their SALES ROOMS, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street, A Large Assortment of NAGOYA PORCELAIN WARE And WOOD CARVINGS

TERMS:—As usual.
HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, 21st April, 1903. [1239]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 27th day of APRIL, 1903, at 3 P.M., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of Crown Land in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 21 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sub.	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements	Containing in Square ft.	Annual Rent.	Upset Price.
			N. S. E. W.			
1	10	Adjoining Island Lot No. 1390	65 ft. 100 ft. 33 ft. 9 ft.	3,303	8	248

[1218]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 27th day of APRIL, 1903, at 3 P.M., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of Crown Land at Macdonnell Road, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from the 25th day of March, 1901, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 55 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sub.	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements	Containing in Square ft.	Annual Rent.	Upset Price.
			N. S. E. W.			
1	1,683	Inland Lot No. 1,683	100 ft. 100 ft. 100 ft. 100 ft.	13,840	5	3,400

[1219]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on WEDNESDAY, the 29th April, 1903, at 3 P.M., on board, H.M. Unprotected Gunboat "ESE" and "FIREBRAND" "E.K." "Firebrand" Extreme length 115 feet 134 feet breadth 34 ft. 23 ft. 8 in. Displacement 365 tons 455 tons Hull Iron Composite Copied-alonged Engines Hawthorn Copied-alonged Boilers Each with two Cylindrical Tubular Boilers and three Wood Steamers As they are in the Harbour of Hongkong, The Admiralty do not guarantee these ships as fit for further sea service. The Anchors, Mooring Gear, Beams and Boats Gear will not be sold. A list of fittings to be sold with the ships may be seen at the Office of the Naval Store Officer, H.M. Naval Yard, and of the Auctioneers; also on board. The Vessels will be open to inspection for seven days before date of sale. Inspecting orders can be obtained from the Auctioneers. Terms:—Cash before delivery, 25 per cent. of the purchase money, to be paid on fall of the hammer, balance and the clearance to be effected within seven days after date of sale. A launch will leave Blake Pier at 2 p.m. and 2.45 p.m. on day of sale to convey intending purchasers.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Government Auctioneers.
Hongkong, 17th April, 1903. [1192]

CHEONG SHING GENERAL EXPORTERS.

DEALERS IN JEWELLERY, DIAMONDS, PEARLS, PRECIOUS STONES, SILKS, IVORY, WARE, EMBROIDERIES AND CHINESE CURIOS. Wholesale and Retail. Prices very moderate. No. 35, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL (Opposite Messrs. C. J. Gault & Co.) Hongkong, 16th February, 1903. [539]

AUCTION

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from A. CUNNINGHAM, Esq., to Sell by Public Auction, on MONDAY, the 24th April, 1903, at No. 14, Des Vaux Road (above the Office of Messrs. Shawan, Jones & Co.), commencing at 2.30 P.M., THE WHOLE OF HIS VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE;

One COTTAGE PIANO, by Broadwood & Sons;
One SINGER SEWING MACHINE (almost new);
One GENTLEMAN'S BICYCLE;
A Few Pieces of TONKINESE INLAID WARE
Further Particulars from Catalogue.
TERMS:—As Customary.
On view from Saturday, the 25th April.
GEO. P. LAMBERT,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 18th April, 1903. [1175]

OCCIDENTAL HOTEL

(Late "QUEEN'S").
ELGIN ROAD, KOWLOON.

THE Undersigned has the pleasure to announce that having made a favourable lease with the proprietor of the QUEEN'S HOTEL, will open same on the first of May under the name of the "OCCIDENTAL."

It will be conducted as a first-class Residential and Tourist Hotel, having every facility to ensure comfort to guests.
The BEDROOMS are excellently furnished, and will be kept scrupulously clean and neat. Each room has its own private bath.

The DINING-ROOM and CUISINE will have strict attention, and many changes from the routine of the average Hongkong dinner will be inaugurated.

The WINE LIST and BAR will have a choice selection of European and American Wines, Spirits and Beers.

The BAR will be conducted on the American principle, the foremost feature of which will be the

FREE LUNCH COUNTER

provided with all the fresh niceties that the market affords.

The Bar contains two English Billiard Tables and one AMERICAN POOL TABLE (the only public American Pool Table in the Colony). The Hotel will keep on file English, American and Manila Newspapers.

TERMS, etc., very reasonable; and Special Rates to Residents can be had on application to—

JAS. D. M. CAMERON,
Manager.
Hongkong, 20th April, 1903. [1217]

NOTICE.

WANG HING, JEWELLER, has REMOVED to No. 10, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL (opposite Messrs. KELLY and WALSH) and has also kept his old Shop as a Branch Establishment, named WANG HING & CO.
Hongkong, 23rd March, 1903. [472]

OREGON LUMBER.

THE Undersigned, being closely connected with the leading MILLS at PORTLAND and PORT SOUND, are always prepared to book orders for any specifications at LOWEST RATES.
SIEMSEN & CO.
Hongkong, 14th February, 1901. [118]

SHUN LOONG, Confectioner and Exporter of all kinds of Sweetmeats and Preserved Ginger. Only Young Ginger and Selected Fruits are Preserved and Sold.

WONG KI NAM, Manager, Nos. 7-8, Lai On Lane, West Point.
Hongkong, 14th April, 1903. [1144]

CARMICHAEL & CLARKE, CONSULTING ENGINEERS AND SHIPBUILDERS, SURVEYORS AND CONTRACTORS. REPAIRS PROMPTLY ATTENDED TO.

TELEGRAMS: "CARMICHAEL," HONGKONG. A B C Code, 4th Edition. A 1 Code. Lister's Standard Code. TELEPHONE 232.
Hongkong, 13th March, 1903. [3440]

THE AMERICAN SYSTEM OF DENTISTRY.

Dr. M. H. CHAUN, 27, DES VAUX ROAD CENTRAL HONGKONG. From the University of Pennsylvania, U.S.A.
Hongkong, 10th March, 1903. [798]

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED. FROM 1st MAY NEXT, until further notice, the retail price of ICE will be TWO CENTS PER POUND. Rates for One Ton and upwards, supplied to shipping, direct from the Works will remain as formerly. Cold Storage rates on application.

WM. PARLANE, Manager.
Hongkong, 11th April, 1903. [1129]

ASK FOR CORONATION OUP. A most delicious beverage just produced by a well-known firm in Manchester.

VI-KOLA. A draught of this stimulating refresher brings on quickly a sense of vitality and buoyancy that makes life worth living.

STONE GINGER BEER. A celebrated beverage filled in Patent Codd-neck bottles as to avoid structural contamination of any kind, which the eastern bottles could not prevent, being decorated in their interior surface with a net-work of dirt.

Apply to—THE ROYAL BRATED WATER MANUFACTORY OFFICE, Telephone 367; Depot—Ice House Street; Telephone 374.

F. P. DANENBERG, Manager. [1187-2]

SCIENTIFIC MISCELLANY.

A THEORY OF OLD AGE—PENDING BEYOND THE MICROSCOPE—LITTLE MEN—THE NEW MAGIC LANTERN—A JUVENATION OF PLANTS—FOUR IN THE CAMPHOR BOTTLE—THE MOUNTAIN-CHIEF'S DREAM—A TOMMORROW MAGNET—THE AIR PROPULSION.

In the body changes that take place as we grow old, Metchnikoff and other physiologists suppose that an important part is taken by the phagocytes, or devouring cells. Some years ago it was made to appear that some of these cells are colour eaters, and that they whiten the hair by seizing the pigment grains and conveying them into the skin or out of the organism. On further study the theory has been evolved that old age itself is due to phagocytes that destroy the nerve-cells. The nerve-eating cells have been found in the brains of many old people and old mammals, as well as in persons suffering from nervous disease, but in no case have they been known to reach such development—or to have so nearly taken the place of the nerve-cells—as in the brain of a parrot that died at the greatest age of eighty-one after some years of feebleness and senility.

Objects too small or distant to be seen—like fixed stars—are made perceptible by their light. Taking advantage of this fact, scientists and a zeigmondy have magnified strongly illuminated particles, and in this way have made visible the diffraction discs of specks of matter approaching molecules in minuteness. Their observations were made upon particles of gold embedded in ruby glass. From the known quantity of gold and the number of the discs, it was calculated that each particle, with an apparent diameter of one millimeter, had a real diameter of 1-50 000th of a millimeter, and it was further shown that the limit of magnification would be 150,000 diameters. The greatest powers of this method would show a particle having ten times the diameter of a molecule.

Pygmies are now found only in the interior of Africa. A German anthropologist shows that they once lived in Switzerland and Alsace, and in Silesia down to the tenth century, and that some of the Alsace race were less than four feet in height.

The episcopes, of German manufacture, is a new optical lantern of greatly enlarged use. It is adapted for projecting not only ordinary lantern slides, microscopic preparations and other transparent objects, but also the reflected images of opaque objects up to a size of more than eight inches square. Butterflies, coins, etc., are shown in a very realistic way, the natural shadows being reproduced. Manuscripts and pictures may be thrown upon the screen without preparation, and the most delicate natural history specimens—even living organisms—can be safely placed upon the table of the object chamber, as dark heat rays are cut off by a water tank.

While the elixir of youth for the human race is still undiscovered, Prof. Suen Daniel has rejuvenated dying plant tissues in a very striking manner. His first experiments were designed to show the influence of grafting upon the tobacco, and they resulted in changing tobacco from an annual to a biennial upon the tomato, and in producing a variety of bean tint fruited twice in a season by grafting different beans upon one another. The problem of rejuvenation was taken up with the *Scopolia carniolica*, an early spring plant of the botanical gardens, belonging to the same family as the potato, the belladonna and the tomato. After having borne fruit, the dying shoots were grafted in May upon the young tomato, when the signs of old age disappeared, and the shoots put forth new branches with vigorous green leaves, and actually blossomed and again bore fruit.

Methyl or wood alcohol is being much used as a cheap substitute for common or ethyl alcohol. It is far more dangerous, and less than half an ounce has produced total permanent blindness, while fatal poisoning has resulted from three fluid ounces. A case of blindness has been reported from external application alone. Dr. J. A. Deghase reports finding methyl alcohol in 40 out of 215 specimens of commercial spirit of camphor, and that 30 specimens had been prepared with this alcohol only.

The automatic baby nurse, of a Swiss mechanic, set in motion by air-waves from the baby's crying, has a phonograph that sings a lullaby and clockwork that rocks the cradle.

Renewed interest in the possibilities of scaling the world's loftiest mountain has been aroused by the setting out for the Himalayas of the expedition under Eckenstein. The highest known point on earth is Mt. Everest, which rises to 29,002 feet above sea level, and the greatest height to which anybody has

yet climbed is the summit of Mt. Annapurna in the Andes, at 23,080 feet, which was reached by two men in 1957. The opinion of most experts is that plenty of time and money will enable a few mountaineers to reach the top of any peak under favourable conditions. With provision for plenty of suitable food, however, the explorer must go slowly, adapting himself to the rarefied air by resting weeks at a time at different camps on the road, and taking two or three years to complete the ascent. Even if Eckenstein or his followers should gain the top Mt. Everest, some higher peak may remain to be surmounted. The Himalayas have been but imperfectly surveyed, and several mountains are known to tower above 28,000 feet, while more than 1,000 exceed 20,000 feet.

For removing from the stomach metallic objects that are attracted by the magnet, S. Mayon has devised a method that requires no cutting. A small electro-magnet is arranged to slide in a tube similar to that of a stomach pump, and the apparatus is passed into the stomach through the mouth, when the magnet draws the foreign body into the tube. By lighting up the stomach with X-rays the operator is able to bring the magnet into contact with the metal at the point most suitable to enter the tube.

In the exploration of tropical waters, the dense growth of aquatic plants often so obstructs the screw that an ordinary steam launch is made useless. It was to overcome this difficulty that Count Zeppelin constructed his launch with propellers in the air, and so effective has the new method of propulsion proven that the light boat, drawing only 10 inches, stems the water at 14 to 16 miles an hour.

Clover with four leaves is no longer merely a curious freak, as De Vries, the Dutch biologist, has produced it as a normal variety after long-continued selection.

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For full particulars, &c., &c., Apply to— W. STUART HARRISON, A.M. Inst. C.E. Manager.

Note Address:—No. 2, Ice House Road. Hongkong, 18th January, 1893.

R. J. EMMEDIOS, FOREIGN AND COLONIAL STAMP DEALER,

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LONDON	CALOMAS	Brit. str.	2 m.	Butterfield & Swire	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 28th May.
LONDON	AGANEMWON	Brit. str.	2 m.	Butterfield & Swire	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 28th May.
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MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	DEUCALION	Brit. str.	2 m.	J. Campbell	MESSENGER MARITIME	On or about 23rd inst.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	HITACHI MARU	Jap. str.	2 m.	Butterfield & Swire	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 28th inst.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	JASON	Brit. str.	2 m.	Butterfield & Swire	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 28th inst.
MARSEILLES & ANTWERP	TANTALUS	Brit. str.	2 m.	Butterfield & Swire	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 28th inst.
BREMEN, VIA PORTS OF CALL	KIAUTSCHOU	Ger. str.	2 m.	Behrens	MALCHERS & CO.	On 28th inst., at Noon.
HAYE & HAMBURG	SEBIA	Ger. str.	2 m.	Rebblimund	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE	On 5th May.
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HAYE & HAMBURG	SUEVIA	Ger. str.	2 m.	Madem	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE	On 16th June.
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LESTER, &c. VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	MARIA VALERIE	Aus. str.	2 m.	Sander, Weller & Co.	SANDER, WELLER & CO.	On 2nd May, P.M.
NEW YORK, VIA PORTS & SUEZ CANAL	RICHMOND CASTLE	Brit. str.	2 m.	Doddwell & Co., Ltd.	DODD WELL & CO., LTD.	About 20th inst.
NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL	PENBROOKSHIRE	Brit. str.	2 m.	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.	On or about 15th May.
NEW YORK, VIA PORTS	NUBIA	Ger. str.	2 m.	von Hoff	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE	On 30th May.
MANZANILLO, MEXICO & SAN FRANCISCO, &c.	CHINGWO	Brit. str.	2 m.	Parkinson	J. S. VAN BUREN	To-morrow, at Noon.
VANCOUVER, VIA SHANGHAI, &c.	TARTAR	Brit. str.	2 m.	Gao Wright	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 6th May.
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VICTORIA (B.C.) & SEATTLE VIA SHANGHAI, &c.	RIJON MARU	Jap. str.	2 m.	Butterfield & Swire	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 5th May, at 4 P.M.
VICTORIA (B.C.) & SEATTLE VIA NAGASAKI, &c.	ASAX	Brit. str.	2 m.	Butterfield & Swire	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 20th May.
PORTLAND, OREGON	INDRAVELLI	Brit. str.	2 m.	W. E. Craven	PORTLAND & ASIATIC S.S. CO.	To-day.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	KAWAIA MARU	Jap. str.	2 m.	A. E. Moses	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 6th May, at Noon.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	AUSTRIAN	Brit. str.	2 m.	Holms	GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.	On 16th May.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	TSINAN	Brit. str.	2 m.	Meyer	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 28th inst., at Daylight.
CHEMULPO, DALNY & PORT ARTHUR	SULLBERG	Ger. str.	2 m.	J. S. Thompson	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 8th May, at Daylight.
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SHANGHAI	SINGAO	Brit. str.	2 m.	A. L. Valentini	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On or about 25th inst.
SHANGHAI & K'BE	BINTANG	Dan. str.	2 m.	H. S. Bradshaw	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On or about 1st May.
SHANGHAI	BOMBAY	Brit. str.	2 m.	T. Ogata	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	On 20th inst.
SHANGHAI & TAKU	DAIJIN MARU	Jap. str.	1 m.	T. Saito	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	On 29th inst.
TAMU, VIA SWATOW & AMOY	MOZU MARU	Jap. str.	1 m.	Evans	DOUGLAS LARPAIK & CO.	To-day, at 9 A.M.
ANPING, VIA SWATOW & AMOY	FORMOSA	Brit. str.	2 m.	Multon	DOUGLAS LARPAIK & CO.	On 28th inst., at Daylight.
SWATOW, AMOY & TAMSUI	HAMEN	Brit. str.	2 m.	Butterfield & Swire	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-morrow.
SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW	NANCHANG	Brit. str.	2 m.	Butterfield & Swire	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day, at 4 P.M.
SWATOW, CHEFOU, NEWCHANG & TIENTSIN	KAIFONG	Brit. str.	2 m.	Butterfield & Swire	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day, at 4 P.M.
CEBU & ILOILO	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	2 m.	A. E. Moses	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	To-morrow, at 10 A.M.
MANILA	YUENSANG	Brit. str.	2 m.	P. H. Rolfe	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.	On 29th inst.
MANILA DIRECT	RUBI	Brit. str.	2 m.	R. W. Almond	SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.	On 29th inst., at 11 A.M.
MANILA	WOOSUNG	Brit. str.	2 m.	E. P. Bishop	TOTO KISEN KAISHA	On 2nd May, at 10 A.M.
MANILA DIRECT	ROHILLA MARU	Jap. str.	2 m.	R. Rodger	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 6th May.
MANILA	ZAFIRO	Brit. str.	2 m.	Butterfield & Swire	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 16th May.
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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.
April 22, GZOVVOX, Russian torpedo-boat, 312, Alzeff, Saigon (6th April).
April 22, POLAYO, British str., 920, Flynn, Langkat 13th April, Koroene, CHINESE.
April 22, WLASTINO, Russian torpedo-boat, 312, Beloff, Saigon 16th April.
April 23, BALLAARAT, British str., 2,860, P. E. Summers, Shanghai 24th inst., at 9 A.M.
April 23, ELZE, German str., 903, Petersen, Wuhu 18th April, Rice, JENSEN & CO.
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Peking, British str., for Shanghai.
Santis, Norwegian str., for Port Arthur.
Sado Maru, Japanese str., for Kobe.
Tafu, German str., for Mauritius.

DEPARTURES.

ALABITY, British des. ves., for Yokohama.
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HITACHI MARU	MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP, VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID.	SATURDAY, 2nd May, at DAYLIGHT.
RIJON MARU	VICTORIA, B.C. and SEATTLE, U.S.A., VIA SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.	TUESDAY, 5th May, at 4 P.M.
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NUBIA	NEW YORK, VIA PORTS	On 30th May. Freight.
SEGOVIA	HAYE and HAMBURG (Calling at Singapore and Colombo)	On 2nd June. Freight.
STRASSBURG	HAYE and HAMBURG (Calling at Singapore and Penang)	On 16th June. Freight & Passengers.
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K. NAKASHIMA, Manager.
Hongkong, 23rd April, 1903. [478]

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